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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL SCOWCROFT  
 FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM  
 SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY

THE BALTIMORE SUN

ARNOLD R. ISAACS WRITES THAT THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS, WHILE  
 PREPARING TO REUNIFY THEIR COUNTRY BETWEEN NOW AND MID-YEAR,  
 ALSO ARE SENDING OUT A FLURRY OF SIGNALS THAT THEY WOULD LIKE  
 A POST-WAR RECONCILIATION WITH THE U.S. HANOI'S MOST RECENT  
 GESTURE CAME IN ITS OFFER TO RETURN THE BODIES OF TWO U.S.  
 MARINES KILLED BY COMMUNIST SHELLING JUST BEFORE THE FINAL  
 AMERICAN EVACUATION OF SAIGON. NGUYEN DUY TRINH, NORTH VIET-  
 NAM'S FOREIGN MINISTER, MADE THE OFFER IN A LETTER TO SENATOR  
 EDWARD KENNEDY. HE ALSO EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT "THE ENDING  
 OF THE WAR AND THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA IN VIETNAM WILL  
 BETTER PROMOTE THE BUILDING OF NORMAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE  
 TWO COUNTRIES." MR. TRINH REITERATED NORTH VIETNAM'S VIEW  
 THAT THE U.S. SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE RECONSTRUCTION OF VIET-  
 NAM AS PART OF THE NORMALIZATION. (1)

A SUN EDITORIAL SAYS THAT EVEN WITHOUT PRODUCING ANY MAJOR  
 ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESIDENT FORD'S TRIP TO PEKING HAS PROVOKED A  
 NEW BURST OF ACTIVITY BY THE REMNANTS OF THE PRO-TAIWAN "CHINA  
 LOBBY" IN THIS COUNTRY. PREDICTABLY, WHAT STIRRED TAIWAN'S  
 SUPPORTERS WAS SECRETARY KISSINGER'S FIRST PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDG-  
 MENT THAT CHINA WANTS RELATIONS WITH WASHINGTON SIMILAR TO  
 THOSE IT HAS WITH TOKYO -- FULL RELATIONS BETWEEN WASHINGTON  
 AND PEKING, AND INFORMAL "TRADE ASSOCIATION" RELATIONS BETWEEN  
 WASHINGTON AND TAIPEI. THAT WOULD MEAN, AMONG OTHER THINGS,  
 NO MORE AMERICAN FORCES ON TAIWAN AND NO MORE U.S.-TAIWAN

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SECURITY TREATY. CHINA LOBBYISTS STILL FIND SYMPATHY AMONG THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR THEIR CAUSE, BUT THEY RISK SQUANDERING THAT IF THEY USE IT TO RESIST THE INEVITABLE END OF THE BIZARRE CIRCUMSTANCE THAT KEPT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ISOLATED FOR MORE THAN TWO DECADES FROM THE AUTHORITIES WHO GOVERN ONE QUARTER OF THE HUMAN RACE. THE VERY SUBSTANTIAL RESERVE OF GOOD WILL TOWARD TAIWAN THAT EXISTS IN THIS COUNTRY COULD WELL BE A MAJOR SOURCE OF STRENGTH FOR THE TAIPEI AUTHORITIES. THEY WILL NEED THE BEST U.S. COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND CULTURAL RELATIONS THEY CAN MANAGE ONCE THE INEVITABLE SWITCH IN RELATIONS IS ACCOMPLISHED. A LAST-DITCH RESISTANCE WOULD BE WORSE THAN FUTILE. IT COULD EMBITTER MANY AMERICANS TOWARD TAIWAN AND VITIATE AN ASSET OF GREAT POTENTIAL IMPORTANCE TO THE FUTURE OF PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO'S GOVERNMENT. (A-12)

THE NEW YORK TIMES

CHRISTOPHER WREN WRITES THAT THE SOVIET UNION APPEARS TO HAVE HARDENED ITS STAND ON EMIGRATION IN THE WAKE OF THE 1985 HELSINKI DECLARATION, WHICH CALLED IN PART FOR FREER MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE AND IDEAS IN EUROPE. (1)

MARYKNE HOME REPORTS THAT PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS OUTSIDE PRISONS WERE BANNED IN THE NORTHERN CITY OF OPORTO AFTER INCIDENTS DURING WHICH THREE PERSONS WERE SHOT. (1)

JAMES M. MARKHAM WRITES THAT BEIRUT IS A BATTLESCAPE OF CHARRED MULLET POKED AND DYNAMITED BUILDINGS AND SHOPS, DEPOPULATED QUARTERS WHERE ONLY RATS AND LOOTERS ROAM, SUSTAINED BY A TIMID COMMERCIAL LIFE -- A CITY GIVEN OVER TO FEAR AND DIVISION. (1) CHINA'S FIRST DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER TENG HSAIO-PING LECTURED 12 AMERICAN CONGRESSWOMEN ON THE DANGERS OF U.S.-SOVIET DETENTE. MR. TENG APPEARED TO HAVE REPEATED IN SIGNIFICANTLY STRONGER LANGUAGE WARNINGS GIVEN TO PRESIDENT FORD DURING HIS VISIT TO PEKING LAST MONTH. (2)

A TIMES EDITORIAL COMMENTS THAT WHEN HISTORIANS LOOK BACK ON THE EVENTS OF 1975, ONE DAY IN PARTICULAR WILL STAND OUT AS A TURNING POINT IN THE NATION'S AFFAIRS. ON APRIL 29, PRESIDENT FORD ANNOUNCED: "THE EVACUATION (OF ALL AMERICANS FROM SOUTH VIETNAM) HAS BEEN COMPLETED...THIS ACTION CLOSES A CHAPTER IN THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE. I ASK ALL AMERICANS TO CLOSE RANKS, TO AVOID RECRIMINATION ABOUT THE PAST, TO LOOK AHEAD TO THE MANY GOALS WE SHARE..." THE END HAD NOT COME WITHOUT A REVIVAL OF THOSE VERY DELUSIONS THAT MARKED THE LONG YEARS OF AMERICA'S TRAGIC AND COSTLY INVOLVEMENT IN INDOCHINA'S CIVIL WAR. UNTIL THE LAST MOMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM'S COLLAPSE, MR. FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD ASKED THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO BELIEVE THAT ONE MORE INFUSION OF U.S. ARMS COULD TURN THE TIDE. IT

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WAS FINALLY UP TO CONGRESS, REPRESENTING THE MOOD AND THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE, TO REJECT SUCH THINKING, ALONG WITH THE DIRE PREDICTIONS OF A UNIVERSAL LOSS OF FAITH IN AMERICA. AS THE CONTAIN FELL ON SAIGON, THE PRESIDENT GAVE EXPRESSION TO HIS OWN LIBERATION FROM THE MYTHS THAT HAD FOR SO LONG OBSESSED THE NATION'S LEADERS AND PETRIFIED THEIR POLICIES. IN GLOBAL TERMS, APRIL 29, 1975, MARKED NOT THIS COUNTRY'S WITHDRAWAL INTO A NEW ISOLATIONISM BUT A BELATED RECOGNITION THAT AMERICAN POWER, LIKE THAT OF ANY NATION, HAS ITS PROPER LIMITS. (20)

A TIMES- EDITORIAL COMMENTS THAT PORTUGAL ENTERS 1976 SHORN OF LAST YEAR'S EARLY HOPES FOR EASY PASSAGE TO A FLOURISHING NEW DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY, BUT WITH FAR BETTER PROSPECTS FOR SURVIVAL IN FREEDOM THAN SEEMED POSSIBLE ONLY SIX WEEKS AGO. WHAT IS IMPERATIVE FOR PORTUGAL'S SAFE POLITICAL PASSAGE IN THE NEW YEAR IS THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE SOCIALISTS AND THE POPULAR DEMOCRATS. THIS WOULD INSURE NOT ONLY AN EFFECTIVE COUNTER FOR COMMUNIST MANEUVERS BUT AN INDISPENSABLE CHECK ON ANY ATTEMPTED RESURGENCE BY THE FAR RIGHT. IT IS DISMAYING THAT THE SOCIALISTS AND POPULAR DEMOCRATS, WHO AGREE ON A WIDE SPECTRUM OF PRAGMATIC REFORMS, CONTINUE TO BICKER ON RELATIVELY UNIMPORTANT MATTERS. THESE ARE LUXURIES THE DEMOCRATIC FORCES OF PORTUGAL SIMPLY CANNOT AFFORD; AND IT OUGHT TO BE A PRIORITY OBJECTIVE TO END SUCH RIFTS AND FORGE A UNITED FRONT IN 1976. (21)

C. L. SULZBERGER COMMENTS THAT WHILE THE U.S. IS HANDICAPPED BY FALTERING LEADERSHIP AND LEGISLATIVE CONFUSION, THE USSR IS PUMPING ARMAMENTS, RUSSIAN ADVISERS, AND CUBAN COMBAT TROOPS INTO THE ANGOLAN FIGHTING. AT THE SAME TIME, IT PRESSES AND CAJOLES AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS TO ACCORD DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION TO THE MPLA, MOSCOW'S CHOSEN INSTRUMENT IN ANGOLA. WASHINGTON, MEANWHILE, WAFFLES. THE U.S. CONGRESS MIGHT WELL JOIN WITH MAJORITY WORLD OPINION IN ENSARGOING PURCHASES OF RHODESIAN CHROMIUM, THEREBY EARNING AT LEAST SOME LEGITIMATE APPROVAL OF THE BLACK NATIONS IT COURTS. THIS WOULD BE MORE USEFUL THAN MERELY SITTING PARALYZED WHILE RUSSIA TAKES THOSE VERY NATIONS OVER, COMPLAINING IT'S NOT OUR BUSINESS TO HELP THE WEAK PROTECT THEMSELVES. (21)

RICHARD WILSON COMMENTS THAT ONE MAJOR PROBLEM OF THE NUCLEAR AGE IS HOW TO PREVENT CRAZY PEOPLE FROM MAKING AND EXPLODING NUCLEAR BOMBS. A GROUP OF A DOZEN SKILLED PEOPLE COULD MAKE A NUCLEAR BOMB WHEN PURE MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE. WE SHOULD KEEP TO A MINIMUM THE NUMBER OF SITES WHERE PLUTONIUM IS PRODUCED OR STORED, AND REDUCE THE TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN THEM. THE THEORETICAL PHYSICIST T. B. TAYLOR ESTIMATES THAT \$100 MILLION WOULD BE ENOUGH FOR A SYSTEM THAT WOULD BE EFFECTIVE AGAINST ALL "CREDIBLE" THEFTS -- A SUM LESS THAN \$1 MILLION

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PER POWER STATION. THE LINCOLN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS BUDGETS \$830,000 A YEAR FOR SECURITY. SHOULD WE NOT SPEND AS MUCH FOR SECURITY FOR NUCLEAR POWER AS AN EXAMPLE TO THE WORLD? (21)

CLAIBORNE PELL COMMENTS THAT THE WORLD HAS SO FAR LITTLE NOTED BUT, HE HOPES, ONE DAY WILL LONG REMEMBER THE THIRD SESSION OF THE THIRD UN CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF THE SEA, WHICH IS TO CONVEY IN NEW YORK ON MARCH 15, 1976, FOR EIGHT WEEKS OF NEGOTIATIONS AIMED AT PRODUCING A COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT FOR THE ORDERLY USE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE OCEANS AND THEIR RESOURCES. FOR THIS CONFERENCE BEARS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR DETERMINING WHETHER CONFLICT OR COOPERATION SHALL CHARACTERIZE MAN'S ACTIVITIES IN THE OCEANS. YET THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE HAS NOT RECEIVED THE PRIORITY ATTENTION IT DESERVES EITHER FROM THE FORD ADMINISTRATION OR FROM THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE OTHER PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES. (21)

THE WASHINGTON POST

MICHAEL CHINCY WRITES THAT AFTER SIX MONTHS OF THREATS AND INTIMIDATION, THE GOVERNMENT OF PRIME MINISTER GANDHI HAS wrestled CONTROL OF INDIA'S LARGEST NEWSPAPER CHAIN FROM THE MAN WHO HAS DIRECTED ITS PROGRESS FOR THE LAST 43 YEARS, ACCORDING TO RELIABLE SOURCES IN NEW DELHI. UNDER A SEMI-SECRET ARRANGEMENT REACHED IN MID-DECEMBER, R. N. GOENKA, THE OWNER OF THE INDIAN EXPRESS GROUP OF NEWSPAPERS, AGREED TO ALLOW AN 11-MAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO DETERMINE THE PAPER'S EDITORIAL AND OTHER POLICIES. (A-1)

THE ADMINISTRATION YESTERDAY DENIED A REPORT BY THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR THAT THE CIA HAS RECRUITED AN AMERICAN MERCENARY FORCE OF 600 TO FIGHT IN THE ANGOLAN CIVIL WAR. WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN WOULD NOT COMMENT ON WHETHER THE U.S. IS TRAINING, HIRING, OR FINANCING MERCENARIES FROM COUNTRIES OTHER THAN AMERICA. (A-2)

A LEFT-WING FRENCH NEWSPAPER SAID TODAY THAT IT PLANS TO PUBLISH THE NAMES OF 60 ALLEGED CIA MEMBERS WORKING IN FRANCE. PRESIDENT FORD HAS SAID THAT SIMILAR IDENTIFICATION OF RICHARD HELCH AS AN AGENT IN A GREEK NEWSPAPER LED TO HIS ASSASSINATION IN ATHENS LAST MONTH. THE U.S. EMBASSY IN PARIS DECLINED FORMAL COMMENT ON THE PLANS OF THE FRENCH NEWSPAPER LIBERATION TO PUBLISH THE LIST. LIBERATION STAFF MEMBERS SAID TODAY THAT THE NAMES WILL BE PUBLISHED IN A WEEK TO TEN DAYS. (A-6)

THE U.S. HAS SUMMONED ITS AMBASSADORS FROM ISRAEL, JORDAN, EGYPT AND SYRIA FOR AN INTENSIVE SERIES OF STRATEGY MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON MONDAY AND TUESDAY ON U.S. POLICY IN THE FORTHCOMING UN SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON THE MIDDLE EAST, U.S.

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OFFICIALS SAID TODAY. ANOTHER TOPIC OF THE STRATEGY SESSION IS EXPECTED TO BE SECRETARY KISSINGER'S MEETING IN WASHINGTON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON. REPORTS FROM JERUSALEM INDICATED THAT ISRAEL MAY TRY TO GET THE U.S. TO OPPOSE PLO PARTICIPATION IN THE COUNCIL DEBATE AND TO ARGUE THAT SUCH A DECISION IS SUBJECT TO A U.S. VETO. WASHINGTON HAS SO FAR MAINTAINED THAT THE QUESTION IS PROCEDURAL, AND THEREFORE NOT SUBJECT TO VETO. (A-18)

ARMED FORCES IN THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PROVINCE OF DARLAC ARE ON A SEARCH AND DESTROY MISSION TO WIPE OUT THE REMNANTS OF TROOPS STILL LOYAL TO THE FORMER SAIGON REGIME, ACCORDING TO A HANOI RADIO BROADCAST MONITORED IN BANGKOK. THE BROADCAST SAID ARMED SECURITY FORCES AND LOCAL MILITIA IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS PROVINCE CAPTURED RINGLEADERS AND SEIZED A LARGE QUANTITY OF WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT LATE LAST MONTH. (A-12)

JOEL DREYFUSS WRITES THAT THERE IS A WILLINGNESS AMONG OUR POLITICIANS AND COLUMNISTS TO VIEW A NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL EVENTS IN RECENT YEARS AS GREAT DISASTER FOR WORLD ORDER AND DEMOCRACY. BUT TO MANY PEOPLE WHO CONSIDER THEMSELVES PART OF THE SO-CALLED THIRD WORLD, WHICH INCLUDES THE NON-WHITE NON-EUROPEAN MAJORITY OF NATIONS AND PEOPLE, THE EMERGENCE OF OIL POWER, THE FALL OF SOUTH VIETNAM AND THE RECENT EVENTS IN ANGOLA INDICATE THE BEGINNING OF A LONG AWAITED REBALANCING OF POWER. THE RANTINGS OF OUR OWN LEADERS, AS DEMONSTRATED RECENTLY BY PRESIDENT FORD, SECRETARY KISSINGER, AND AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN ARE COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE DISSOLUTION OF THE STATUS QUO. THE U.S. WAS ONCE A "HAVE-NOT," A YOUNG POTENTIALLY HIGH COUNTRY WITH A BURNING BELIEF IN LIBERTY, SELF-DETERMINATION AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS. IN THE LAST 30 YEARS, WE HAVE CONTINUALLY ALIGNED OURSELVES WITH DESPOTS, DICTATORS AND TRUE COLONIALISTS. IN THE BICENTENNIAL YEAR, THIS NATION COULD DO NO BETTER THAN REASSESS ITS OBJECTIVES AND REALIGN ITSELF WITH YOUNG STRUGGLING NATIONS WHOSE ULTIMATE OBJECTIVES WERE INSPIRED BY OUR OWN EXAMPLE OF 200 YEARS AGO. (A-19)

ACCORDING TO CLAYTON FRITCHEY THE ISSUE IN ANGOLA, SAYS SECRETARY KISSINGER, "IS NOT WHETHER IT REPRESENTS A VITAL INTEREST TO THE U.S." OBVIOUSLY IT DOES NOT. OR, KISSINGER ALSO CONCEDES THAT THE ANGOLAN SITUATION IS NOT THREATENING ENOUGH TO WARRANT OUR ARMED INTERVENTION, OR EVEN MILITARY ASSISTANCE ON A MAJOR SCALE, AS IN VIETNAM. WHY THEN, IN THE WORDS OF PRESIDENT FORD, IS THE SENATE CUTOFF OF FURTHER ANGOLAN FUNDS A "DEEP TRAGEDY?" SINCE THE ADMINISTRATION'S DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE SOMEHOW ITS INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA IS SELF-DEFEATING DIPLOMACY, IT MUST BE CONCLUDED THAT IT IS MOTIVATED BY OTHER CONSIDERATIONS, SUCH AS DOMESTIC POLITICS.

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AS FORD AND KISSINGER CONTINUE TO SHAKE THEIR FISTS AT BOTH CONGRESS AND THE RUSSIANS, AND MUTTER VAGUE THREATS OF UNSPECIFIED RETALIATION, IT BECOMES CLEARER THAT THEY FEEL AN URGENT NEED TO PUT ON A SHOW OF "STANDING UP" TO THE SOVIETS, ESPECIALLY TO PROTECT THEMSELVES FROM CHARGES OF BEING SOFT ON DETENTE. IT WOULD NOT APPEASE RONALD REAGAN, THOUGH, FOR HE HAS ALREADY MADE IT CLEAR THAT HIS ANTIDETENTE VIEWS ARE GOING TO BE A CENTERPIECE IN HIS PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST MR. FORD. THE ADMINISTRATION'S PRESENT COMPLAINT THAT MOSCOW'S INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA IS A BETRAYAL OF DETENTE WILL SIMPLY BE PROOF TO REAGAN THAT MR. FORD AND KISSINGER HAVE BEEN WRONG ALL ALONG IN TRUSTING THE RUSSIANS. REGARDLESS OF HOW KISSINGER NOW DEFINES DETENTE, THE U.S. ITSELF HAS NOT HESITATED TO INTERVENE IN MANY PLACES AROUND THE WORLD, INCLUDING ANGOLA, WHEN IT SAW FIT. DETENTE DID NOT RESTRAIN NIXON'S COVERT EFFORTS TO OVERTHROW THE DULY ELECTED GOVERNMENT IN CHILE IN 1973. DR. KISSINGER ACCUSES RUSSIA OF ESCALATING ITS ASSISTANCE TO THE MPLA THIS YEAR. RUSSIA, IN TURN, ACCUSES WASHINGTON OF SECRETLY DOING THE SAME FOR THE NATIONAL FRONT. WHATEVER THE TRUTH, WE SEEM TO BE BACKING ANOTHER LOSER. IN OPPOSING THE MPLA, THE ADMINISTRATION IS ALIENATING THE GROUP THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN RECOGNIZED AS THE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA BY MORE THAN 30 NATIONS, INCLUDING MOST OF THE KEY AFRICAN COUNTRIES. (A-19)

ACCORDING TO JACK ANDERSON AND LES WHITTEN, THE PENTAGON'S TOP MAN IN LATIN AMERICA, GENERAL DENIS MCAULIFFE, TURNED UP IN SANTIAGO A FEW WEEKS AGO. HE CALLED UPON CHILE'S MILITARY DICTATOR, GENERAL AUGUSTO PINOCHET, WHO WELCOMED HIM ENTHUSIASTICALLY. THE PENTAGON REPRESENTATIVE TOLD PINOCHET HOW "SERENE AND TRANQUIL" CHILE HAD BECOME UNDER MILITARY RULE. U.S. ARMED FORCES, PLEDGED MCAULIFFE, "WILL CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO HELP THE CHILEAN ARMED FORCES." IN WASHINGTON, MEANWHILE, A SECRET NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE REPORTED THAT THE MILITARY JUNTA HAD CLAMPED TIGHT, AUTHORITARIAN CONTROLS UPON POLITICAL LIFE IN CHILE AND PREDICTED THAT THE JUNTA WOULD REVAMP THE DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM. MARXIST PARTIES HAVE BEEN OUTLAWED, AND OTHER PARTIES HAVE BEEN PLACED IN INVOLUNTARY RECESS. ON NOVEMBER 16, WE DESCRIBED HOW THE DICTATORSHIP HAS SET OUT TO DESTROY THE MODERATE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY. CHILE'S AMBASSADOR MANUEL TRUCCO FIRED OFF AN ANGRY LETTER TO US AND CIRCULATED COPIES ON CAPITOL HILL. HE DENIED AS "ABSOLUTELY FALSE" THAT THE MILITARY RULES SEEK TO IMPOSE THE "PARAGUAYAN SOLUTION" UPON CHILE. UNFORTUNATELY, AMERICANS HAVE A HEAVY INVESTMENT IN CHILE'S DISCREDITED DICTATORSHIP. NOW WE FIND THAT THE PENTAGON ALSO IS TIGHTENING ITS TIES WITH THE DICTATORSHIP. FOOTNOTE: A SPOKESMAN DESCRIBED MCAULIFFE'S TRIP TO CHILE AS A "ROUTINE ORIENTATION VISIT" AND CHARACTERIZED HIS WARM REMARKS AS "A GENERAL STATEMENT

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OF INTEREST AND GOODWILL THAT WOULD APPLY TO OTHER NATIONS  
OF THE SYSTEM." (A-19)

THE WASHINGTON STAR-

BERNARD O'LEARY DETAILS THE U.S. WARNING TO ALL OTHER COUN-  
TRIES THAT IT OBJECTS TO ANY NATION'S ALLOWING CUBAN PLANES  
TO USE ITS AIRFIELDS OR AIR SPACE IN CONNECTION WITH HAVANA'S  
INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA'S CIVIL WAR. (1)

THE STAR\* NOTES THAT THE SUDDEN RELEASE BY COMMUNIST CHINA OF  
THREE SOVIET AIRMEN HELD FOR 21 MONTHS ON CHARGES OF ESPIONAGE  
HAS THE MARKS OF A SERIOUS DIPLOMATIC EVENT. IT IS DOUBTLESS  
MORE THAN SOMEWHAT PREMATURE TO SPECULATE THAT THE RELEASE OF  
THE AIRMEN HERALDS A MAJOR CHANGE IN CHINA'S BITTER HOSTILITY  
TOWARD THE SOVIET UNION. BUT, GIVEN THE LACK OF ANY BETTER  
EXPLANATION, THE POSSIBILITY CANNOT BE DISMISSED. A RAPPROCHE-  
MENT BETWEEN PEKING AND MOSCOW AT THIS POINT WOULD NOT MEAN  
THAT THE IDEOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL STRUGGLE BETWEEN THE TWO  
COMMUNIST GIANTS WAS AT AN END OR THAT A MAJOR SHIFT IN THE  
WORLD POWER BALANCE WAS IN THE MAKING. IT MIGHT MEAN NO MORE  
THAN A MOVE BY PEKING TO FOLLOW THE LEAD OF THE U.S. IN MAKING  
CERTAIN ACCOMMODATIONS WITH THE MAJOR ADVERSARY. BUT EVEN  
THAT WOULD HAVE MASSIVE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE POLICY-MAKERS  
IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT. (A-7)

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